

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

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Hello, everyone,

February is behind us and things will start to warm up and green up in March. I like this time of year, when things start to grow and the early spring rains wash off the winter grime. Snow still comes, but thankfully, it doesn't last long. There are always things to fix, clean or repair after winter, so be careful, helpful and respectful. Think about your neighbors, they might need a hand.

When I get complaints, especially when I get them over and over, I think it's good to share them with you. So, here is an ongoing and disgusting situation that keeps coming up. I know every dog owner loves their furry friend, and I also know 98% of the canine lovers are responsible and respectful of others, **but** there are a few that make it difficult on everyone. You know what I mean. You go out in your yard and step in something you know shouldn't be there. You know this because you don't own a horse; I say horse because it would seem impossible the average dog could leave a pile that big. Amazing. I like dogs, I just don't own one. If I did, I wouldn't even think of letting it poop in your yard. That type of behavior shows a level of disrespect and inconsideration that I just don't understand. We can make more rules and keep calling law enforcement, but this lack of respect for neighbors and community is something that cannot realistically be legislated. Quite frankly, law enforcement and I have better things to do with our time than to be the poop patrol. I have held back from suggesting posting pictures of these offenders, but I'm tired of this crap (pun intended). Respecting our neighbors - putting others first - applies to life in general: We don't all have to agree on everything, but the great thing about our country is that most of us still care about each other, even when we don't agree. That is why living here is such a great blessing.

The rules are simple: Dogs must be fenced in your yard or on a chain or leash. All dogs must be leashed when on public property. Simple, common sense. Like I said, 98% of people are respectful of others and the laws, and I thank you.

Snowmobilers have been doing something similar by driving on people's yards and property. I get calls about snowmobiles ripping up and down the streets. This is dangerous and disrespectful of others. Again, a picture might be worth a thousand complaints.

I don't like dealing with these kinds of problems, but I guess it's part of the job. Still, it's frustrating when you try to rationalize with people who won't listen and the situation doesn't change.

OK. Big Rant... and I'm over it. Nothing is perfect, but we still live in a great place. My wish is that we care about each other and put others first, and with that attitude, our great place will be even better.

Thank you for your time.

Lonnie